

FILES CONTEST FOR SEAT IN THE LEGISLATURE

BRANCH SMITH WOULD SECURE
THE SEAT OF D. J. FITZ-
GERALD

Branch H. Smith, one of the defeated democratic candidates for the assembly, has started a contest, claiming that his name was confused with that of Henry C. Schmidt in the counting and tallying of the votes. Smith, a few days ago, filed his papers contesting the seat of D. J. Fitzgerald, with County Clerk Robert G. Pohl, along with numerous depositions. The papers will be sent to the secretary of state and when the legislature convenes, will be handed to the speaker of the house. The matter will then come before the assembly for final action, and the members will decide on the merits of the contest.

It is the consensus of opinion of those in a position to know, that should a recount take place, it will be to the advantage of Henry C. Schmidt, for it is more than likely that Smith received credit for votes cast for the first named person, although the contestant claims otherwise. When the final count was completed Fitzgerald was found to have been elected over Smith by a majority of fourteen votes, while J. A. Buchanan was between Fitzgerald and Smith, having lost out by only seven votes. Should a recount take place it is probable that Buchanan will nose out Fitzgerald and capture the seventh place in the list of legislators.

MIDWAY MINE GIVES TURKEY TO EACH EMPLOYEE

COMPANY OFFICIALS SUPERINTEND CHRISTMAS GIFT DISTRIBUTION

Following the custom of years, the officials of the Midway Mining company yesterday presented every employee with a large, fat, juicy turkey for Christmas dinner. The presents went to every miner, top men, and office employees, and were distributed by W. J. Douglas, E. J. Erickson and Nels Nelson. To say that the birds were appreciated would be a mild expression for the officials were heartily thanked by the recipients of the gifts.

The custom was established several years ago and will undoubtedly be followed out for some time to come. Just how many pounds of turkey meat is distributed annually would be hard to estimate, but it is known that the best birds on the market are secured for the gifts.

LEGISLATURE TO MEET SOON

In less than a month the law-making body of this state will convene at Carson City. The legislative session in Nevada is short, being practically limited to sixty days and it must move along with business-like promptness if it gives much attention to matters outside of appropriations and other routine affairs. It is to be hoped that the members of both houses will get down to business early in the session and give consideration to the many questions of state-wide importance that will come before them.

JAPANESE DIET IS NOW IN SESSION

By Associated Press.

TOKIO, Dec. 23—The diet opened today. The emperor, who is indisposed, was not present. The speech from the throne was read by Premier Katsura, and emphasized the necessity of the maintenance of peace in the far east.

BATTLESHIP ARKANSAS WILL SOON BE LAUNCHED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—The navy department has been notified that the battleship Arkansas, the keel of which was laid at Camden, N. J., January 15 last, will be ready for launching on January 14 next.

TWO BROTHERS SHOT TO DEATH IN PISTOL FIGHT

By Associated Press.

MOUNT STERLING, Ky., Dec. 23—Clinton Allen, a deputy United States marshal, and his brother, Walter, were shot to death in a pistol fight here last night with James Tipton, a special policeman, and Michael Gibbons, a saloonkeeper. Clinton Allen and Tipton quarreled in front of Gibbons' saloon. The federal officer drew a revolver, which the policeman took from him and shot him dead with it. Walter Allen then drew a revolver and was killed by Gibbons before he could use it.

GUESTS AT THE MIZPAH HOTEL ARE IN JESTFUL MOOD

SEVERAL PROVE TO BE VICTIMS OF YULETIDE PRACTICAL JOKES

Practical jokes are always in order when the Yuletide season rolls around and one of the real amusing kind was pulled off at the Mizpah hotel a few nights ago. At first the joke was supposed to be on George Ming, the almond eyed celestial who presides over the janitor department of that hostelry, but subsequent developments have made others the butt of the merry-makers' jest.

The play started when one of the guests desired to make a batch of home made candy, and borrowed a cup of cream from Alex Dewar of the grill. Before brewing the concoction it was decided that the party take in the show, and the cream and other ingredients were left in the parlor. When the theater was out and the candymakers returned, it was discovered that all the necessary paraphernalia had disappeared. On the following day it was discovered that George had removed the articles in question, and he was instructed not to repeat the occurrence.

The reprimand was not without effect, for on the next night, after everything was in readiness to manufacture more candy, the cup of cream was again missing. And on the third day the same thing happened again. It was then that a decision was reached to stop George and his habit of removing articles. Dr. McDonnell was consulted and he wrote out a prescription for a liquid that was to be placed in the cream, for it was supposed that George had a weakness for that beverage. So the cream was doctored up and placed where the victim would be sure to see it. In the meantime, one of the ladies, who was really the originator of the affair, became afraid that the victim might suffer more than was called for, and decided that the joke be turned on the physician. So she informed George of the plan and after giving him two dollars to bind the agreement, fixed up a scheme whereby the celestial was to act out the part as if he had taken the cream.

Everything worked out fine and that evening while several ladies and gentlemen were engaged in a friendly game of cards, George came walking down the hall. When opposite the door of the room in question, he suddenly stopped and then exclaimed:

"Me sick, me sick, Wow!" and then came a cry of distress that rang throughout the hotel. The bridge game stopped instantly and all rushed to the door where poor George was found in the throes of a terrible convulsion. Another attendant happened along about that time and the patient was carried to a room and Dr. McDonnell summoned.

The medico was not in on the change of the original joke, and he arrived in a breathless condition with his medicine bag and all sorts of instruments. A liberal use of powder had transformed the facial appearance of George and his countenance had a ghastly effect. Various antidotes were administered, all

TWENTY ONE BODIES RECOVERED FROM RUINS OF CHICAGO BLAZE

Fire Department Still Fighting Conflagration Which Is Not Under Control According to Latest Reports.

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23—Twenty-one bodies, including that of Chief Horan, have been recovered from the ruins of the Morris company's beef house, and it is believed that at least five more are still buried in the debris.

Throughout the night the flames were shooting high through the roofs of two Morris buildings adjoining the one in ruins. As the firemen were playing water on warehouse No. 6 this morning the walls collapsed. Captain John Wyndheim of the engine company was knocked down and seriously injured by flying timbers, and William Sheridan, aged 16, was knocked off the plat-

form and perhaps fatally injured.

At noon today the fire department was still unable to say that the blaze was under control. Only a fire wall separates warehouses Nos. 5 and 6, and prevents another long fight against the fire.

LATER—Business men today planned the creation of a permanent endowment fund of \$350,000 to be used in caring for the widows and children of killed or injured firemen. With all the firemen accounted for or recovered, the identified dead number twenty-three. The fire wall between the two warehouses is still holding this afternoon and the firemen think they have the fire under control.

INSURGENTS HAVE CAPTURED ANOTHER TROOP TRAIN

By Associated Press.

EL PASO, Dec. 23—Nothing has been heard up to noon of the train which the insurgents captured south of Juarez last night. Many rebels are in the hills a few miles from Juarez, but are apparently making no effort to attack that city.

GERMANY AND AUSTRIA PROTEST TO PORTUGAL

By Associated Press.

BERLIN, Dec. 23—Austria-Hungary joined with Germany yesterday in a protest to Portugal against the announced expulsion on January 1 of Austrian and German missionaries from Portuguese colonies.

REVOLUTIONISTS MAY HAVE SAILED FOR HONDURAS

By Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23—Coincident with the departure late yesterday afternoon of the steamer Hornet, General Manuel Bonilla, a former president of Honduras and General Leo Christmas, a soldier of fortune and one of the alleged leaders of the alleged revolutionary expedition against President Davila of Honduras, with several Americans who have seen service in Central American wars, disappeared from the city.

of which the sick person appeared to relish, but when the stomach pump was suggested, he balked and refused to stay ill any longer. The consternation of Dr. McDonnell can be imagined when he found out that the joke had been turned on him, and now he is busily engaged in preparing a plan whereby he can secure revenge.

As a climax to the affair it was reported yesterday that George had sworn out a warrant for the arrest of one of the hotel guests, charging him with an attempt to poison. On hearing of it, and not knowing that it was a continuance of the jest, he immediately hired a rig and drove twenty miles out on the desert to look at a mining property, not returning until early this morning when the real situation was explained. Now he refuses to speak to George.

DEATH LIST OF PHILADELPHIA FIRE IS MADE KNOWN

By Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23—The number of dead as a result of the fire Wednesday night stands at fourteen. William Glazier, the man who was pinned under the debris for over twelve hours, is rapidly recovering.

SUICIDE PACT CAUSING DEATH OF SPIRITUALISTS

By Associated Press.

CHICO, Cal., Dec. 23—In fulfillment of a pact that meant slow, torturous death, the bodies emaciated, lips puffed and swollen, eyes staring wildly at the ceiling, Mrs. William Whiteline and her daughter, Miss Lavina Corey, were found dying yesterday by a policeman who broke into the home at the request of neighbors.

The gruesome find of the officers was the explanation of moans that issued from the darkened little cottage for the past three days. While the wasted condition of the women's bodies and the fixed gaze of their eyes told a story of starvation, unmistakable evidence that they had agreed to let time kill them was found in the stocked condition of the pantry.

The discolored condition of their lips gave the impression that poison had been taken, but no trace was found in the house. Physicians say the women cannot live.

Old Mrs. Whiteline and her invalid daughter are spiritualists. After several days' seclusion, Mrs. Whiteline appeared Monday and pinned a note to the front door of the house bearing the words: "Dear Friends—Am not at home." She then retired to the house, the blinds were drawn and after that time no sign of life was seen about the place.

Persons living in the vicinity noticed low cries as they passed the place yesterday. Until afternoon the next door neighbors could distinguish groans. A conference of several friends of the women was held, and the authorities were summoned. When the police broke into the place the women lay motionless. The mother was lying on the floor near the bed and her daughter was on the floor in an adjoining room. Her husband conducts a shooting Mrs. Whiteline is 61 and her daughter 39 years of age. Mrs. Whiteline is in Oakland.

All kinds of ruling and binding at the Bonanza.

ENGINEERS EASTERN ROADS MAY YET STRIKE

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23—The wage dispute between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and sixty-one railroads today became critical. It is admitted that a sudden breaking off of negotiations is not unexpected.

PERUVIAN INSURGENTS

ROB A TRAIN

By Associated Press.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 23—A group of insurgents yesterday attacked a train near San Mateo and robbed it of \$5400.

MILL BUILDING AT NEVADA WONDER

MATERIALS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE AND WORK IS BEING PUSHED

The progress in mill building on Wonder mountain this week has been good.

Teams loaded with materials for the mill have continued to arrive daily, and the side of the mountain is beginning to assume the appearance of a great lumber yard.

Among the materials to arrive were many tons of curved steel plates, which are destined to form the great agitating tanks of the cyanide plant. There are to be four of these immense tanks, 15 feet in diameter and 45 feet in height.

At the summit of the mountain, where the water pipe from Horse creek ends, the foundation for an enormous wooden tank has been completed, and the materials snaked up the side hill for the erection of the tank. Getting the materials for this great vat up the steep side hill was quite a job. The pieces were too heavy for men to carry, and the hillsides too steep and rugged for horses to climb. Mr. Cowbert laid a sort of railroad of planking, loaded the stuff on dollies, and by the use of a block and tackle, with a span of horses as motive power, yanked it up just as easy as throwing rocks at a frog. When completed, this tank, which is intended to hold the water supply for the mill, will be 30 feet in diameter and 20 feet high. From its position on the summit of the hill it will overlook the town like a sentinel, and will be the first evidence of the march of progress to greet the eye of the traveler as he comes up the long canyon leading from the flat to this rapidly growing and prosperous camp.

Mr. McKay, the head of the construction department of the Mill and Smelter Engineering company, has arrived in camp and taken command of the job, and declares his intention to rush the work to completion as fast as possible.

The snow storm which came quietly stealing, no, creeping, or floating, over the hills and into the valleys last night and today, clothed the earth, the millsite and all its appurtenances in a garment of the purest white about three inches in thickness, caused a lay-off for a short time, but the men needed a rest anyway, and will work all the better after it is over.

The caterpillar traction engine, which succeeded in making a round trip several weeks ago with a load of freight, has been at Fallon for a long time, presumably undergoing repairs, is reported to have started out in another attempt to bring in a load of freight to camp, and to have reached a point in the vicinity of Grimes' ranch before a break occurred, putting the outfit on the bum.—Wonder News.

NEW ORLEANS JOINS IN WITH EXPENSIVE FIRE

By Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23—In a fire early today on Baronne street three large business houses were destroyed, causing a loss of a quarter of a million.

The Daily Bonanza reaches the people.

CONTEST THE ELECTION OF CLEVE BAKER

DEFEATED CANDIDATE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL TO DEMAND A RECOUNT

That George Springmeyer would contest the election of Cleve H. Baker, for the office of attorney general, was the statement made this morning by Theodore Tobish, who managed Springmeyer's campaign in the recent election. Tobish was a passenger on the north-bound train and was en route from Goldfield to Carson where he will start the contest proceedings.

The final count as announced on Monday by the secretary of state, shows Springmeyer to be 65 votes behind Baker. The contest will probably call for a recount of the votes cast in Washoe, Esmeralda, Nye and Clark counties, although the entire ballot from every county may be counted. The expense of the recount will have to be met by Springmeyer, and the work will be done by the secretary of state.

It is now thought that J. W. Legate, who was defeated by Josephs for the office of clerk of the supreme court by eleven votes, will also demand a recount now that Springmeyer has taken the initiative.

Both Springmeyer and Legate were candidates on the republican ticket.

TWO CHRISTMAS TREES ARRANGED FOR YOUNGSTERS

LITTLE TOTS WILL BE ENTERTAINED IN ROYAL STYLE SUNDAY

Every child in Tonopah is extended a cordial invitation to visit the Christmas trees of the Elks and the Miners' union Sunday and receive a neat present in addition to candy, nuts, apples and oranges. The two affairs have been arranged for the pleasure of the youngsters and a good attendance is requested.

The Elks' Christmas tree, which will be situated in the vacant store underneath the Elks building, and next door to the electric light office, will be attended by old Santa Claus and the distribution of the presents will start at 12 o'clock and continue throughout the afternoon. Parents are requested to bring their little tots so that each will have a chance to meet the mythical old gentleman.

At 3 o'clock the Miners' union Christmas tree will be in evidence. A program has been arranged and the miners' hall should be crowded with interested spectators. Santa will also be in evidence at that place.

The annual Christmas trees of the two organizations were first started several years ago and are events that are long looked forward to by the little tots of this city. On former occasions record breaking crowds have been in evidence and the youngsters enjoyed the treat immensely.

EIGHT WORKMEN ARE KILLED BY CAVE-IN

By Associated Press.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 23—Eight men were trapped by a cave-in this afternoon while excavating for a new building. It is believed all are dead. Two bodies have been taken from the debris.

Miss Kathryn Monteath, daughter of Major and Mrs. J. H. Monteath, arrived this afternoon from Palo Alto, where she has been attending school, and will spend the holidays with her folks.

Attorney Hugh H. Brown, who has been transacting legal affairs in Reno for the last two days, arrived on this afternoon's belated train.

E. E. Bertrand and wife left today for Los Angeles, where they will spend a few weeks.